



U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Air and Marine Operations

FACT SHEET



The mission of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Air and Marine Operations (AMO) is to serve and protect the American people. We conduct our mission in the air and maritime environments at and beyond the border, and within the nation's interior.

AMO interdicts unlawful people and cargo approaching U.S. borders, investigates criminal networks and provides domain awareness in the air and maritime environments, and responds to contingencies and national taskings.

With approximately 1,800 federal agents and mission support personnel, 240 aircraft and 300 marine vessels operating throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands, AMO serves as the nation's experts in airborne and maritime law enforcement.

In Fiscal Year 2016, AMO enforcement actions resulted in the approximate seizure or disruption of 221,707 pounds of cocaine; 654,891 pounds of marijuana; 3,881 pounds of methamphetamine; 940 weapons and \$35.7 million; 4,303 arrests and 55,923 apprehensions of illegal aliens.

AMO's advanced capabilities and unique skill sets in the air and maritime environments fall within our core competencies: interdiction, investigation, domain awareness, contingency operations and national tasking missions.

- **Interdiction** encompasses our efforts to intercept, apprehend, or disrupt threats in the land, sea, and air domains as they move toward or across the United States borders.
- AMO leverages the expertise of our agents in the air and maritime domains to conduct **investigations** to defeat criminal networks.
- **Domain awareness** is the observation of the operating environment (air, land, and water) and the information gathered through the network of sensors deployed on aircraft, vessels, and land-based persistent wide-area surveillance.
- AMO performs a range of aviation and maritime **contingency operations and national tasking missions**, including disaster relief, continuity of operations, humanitarian operations, enforcement relocation, search and rescue, and National Special Security Events.